





THE PRESIDENTIAL SITUATION.

Colonel Wadsworth's Views.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Gazette who has been interviewing prominent members of Congress upon the presidential question, reports Colonel WADSWORTH to have responded as follows:

"While I have formed opinions of my own, I have not, in regard to the policy of the Democratic party in the pending presidential contest, my estimate of the popular sentiment in North Carolina is based to a large extent, on the expressions of the newspapers. In know the sentiment of my own district very well, and believe I know the general opinion of the State. Ninety-nine men out of a hundred, I am asked, would say, 'give us an available man who is a sound Democrat, and we will be content.' The people of North Carolina have an admiration for Bayard, amounting almost to personal affection. They regard him as a man of great abilities and lofty character, worthy of the name he bears. Their only fear about him is that, if nominated, his very boldness and his willingness to be a martyr would be his ruin. They are not, however, against him. They consider him as one of the ablest statesmen and constitutional lawyers in America, and would gladly support him, but I apprehend that the action of the convention at Cincinnati has destroyed his chances. Why that convention should have nominated a defeated candidate on the same platform, is one of the questions of our politics. I say this without intending to express any opinion of Governor Allen's ability or fitness for the presidency. Mr. Hendricks is also popular in North Carolina, and would get a hearty support if nominated. As to Governor Tilden, I think the general sentiment is about as follows: His reform movement in New York, and his success by so large a majority the first time he was elected as a popular sign, and made him very popular, but the result of the next election there, which was said to have been controlled by him, in which the majority was so largely reduced, has created the fear that he could not carry his own State, which is absolutely necessary. Another element of anxiety about him, if nominated, is to be found in the aversion of our people to the idea of having the election in the hands of the administration of the government controlled in the interest of Eastern capital. These things, and the fact that New York has already tried three candidates without success, render Mr. Tilden in their opinion not the strongest candidate whom the Democracy could select, but they will give him their full strength if nominated. Judge Davis is regarded as an honest and able man, who would make an acceptable President, and the idea prevails that while perfectly sound on the money question, he would poll, perhaps, a larger vote, in the West than anywhere else. Still candor compels me to say that since he Greeley campaign there are numbers of people who will never again vote for any man who is not a square Democrat and so recognized. Unfortunately Judge Davis is in a position which prohibits him from talking politics, and (although I personally believe him to be as good a Democrat as anybody) the masses of the people only know him as a Republican. If his friends would only come out plainly and authoritatively announce his entire sympathy with the Democratic party, so that the people would understand fully, I believe he would get the unanimous support of the voters of North Carolina. These seem to be the most prominent candidates now. There may be a 'Great Unknown' in the Democratic ranks. Blaine seems to be looming up higher than ever. If the Democrats cannot beat him they cannot beat anybody, and, therefore, I hope he will receive the republican nomination. There is one thing which the northern Democrats ought to bear in mind. The South is now a unit, and will probably cast about 130 Democratic electoral votes. With this state of things staring them in the face, if the northern and western Democrats go to fighting one another over the money question or the like, and thereby lose the election, they will never see a united South again. The people will despair about politics, and will themselves exclusively to their own state and local affairs."

FIRST IN THE FIELD.

There are now already in the field two regularly nominated Presidential tickets and both were put out by conventions held last week.

The first of these conventions was held in Cleveland, Ohio, by the Whiskey Prohibitionists. A platform denouncing the sale of intoxicating beverages and dealing with other great questions before the country was adopted and candidates were nominated. Green Clay Smith, of Kentucky, was nominated for President and forthwith accepted. He was born in Kentucky in 1830, studied law, was a school commissioner, and a lieutenant in the Mexican war. During the late war he rose to the rank of major general in the Union army and participated in some fifty engagements, was a member of Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth Congresses, and while still in Congress was appointed Governor of Montana by President Johnson. From this he rose to be a preacher in the Baptist church, and is candidate for the Presidency. S. T. Stewart, of Ohio, was nominated for Vice President.

The other convention was called the Greenback Convention and met in Indianapolis. Peter Cooper of New York was nominated for President and Senator Newton Booth of California for Vice President. Mr. Cooper unlike Mr. Smith declined the honor of a presidential nomination and advised the substitution of William Allen of Ohio as his candidate, but William Allen being approached could not think of making any such compromise as a Democrat. The convention therefore stood by Cooper, whose age, says the hard

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